

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 325
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lowell A. Bogle on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Lowell A. Bogle will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 9, 1997, an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the son of J.E. and Martha Frances Brown Bogle, Lowell was born in Bridgeport, Alabama. He spent his formative years in Wilson County where he attended Rock Springs and Beech Grove schools; and

WHEREAS, he attended Middle Tennessee Normal, a two-year college in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, winter and spring semesters 1916 through 1918; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 1921, Lowell was joined in holy matrimony with Beulah Talley, a pianist and music teacher; and

WHEREAS, he has been a valuable resident of Wilson County for the last 64 years and has worked with diligence, dedication and skill as a school teacher, and with the USDA in Lebanon from which he retired in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Lowell has always been an active and vital part of the community, participating in numerous organizations, including the Watertown Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Grange, where he served as chaplain of the Tennessee State Grange for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Lowell has visited all of the contiguous United States except Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, he is the author of a book of poems entitled *Poems for Life* and is poet laureate of Comer Lodge 417, Watertown, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches his eleventh decade, he still attends the Presbyterian Church and community gatherings, endeavors in which he has always been active and productive, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, his sprightly behavior and alert demeanor belie his many years on this earth; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Lowell A. Bogle on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.